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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of the restriction in the reply filed on 08/29/2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that applicant states that "figures 2-5 show the flip attached to the side of the phone, figure 6 shows the flip attached to the bottom of the phone and the embodiments are identical." This is found persuasive.

All claims are examined on merit.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 3, 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang et al. [D488,453 S].

Regarding claims 1 and 15, Chang et al. disclose an electronic device (figures 9 and 10) comprising:

- a main body;
- a flip having opposing sides attached to said main body, the flip being rotatable about a first axis of rotation between open and closed positions and rotatable about a second axis of rotation generally perpendicular to the first

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axis of rotation so that either one of the opposing sides of the flip faces outward when the flip is in the closed position;

- a first input interface on a first opposing side of the flip;
- a second input interface on a second opposing side of the flip; and
- a third input interface on the main body positioned to be at least partially covered by the flip when the flip is in the closed position.

Regarding claims 3 and 18, Chang et al. disclose the first, second and third input interfaces being selectively activated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-6, 11 and 13-14, 16-21, 26-28 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miramontes [US 2002/0072395] in view of Hemmi et al. [US 6,650,547].

Regarding claims 1, 11, 15, 28 and 30, Miramontes discloses an electronic device (1, figures 1 and 2) comprising:

- a main body (2);

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- a flip having opposing sides attached to said main body, the flip being rotatable about a first axis of rotation (vertical direction in the figure 2) between open and closed positions;
- a first input interface on a first opposing side of the flip (display letters key, figure 2);
- a second input interface on a second opposing side of the flip (display number key, figure 1); and
- a third input interface on the main body (display letters key, figure 2) positioned to be at least partially covered by the flip when the flip is in the closed position.

Miramontes discloses the instant claimed invention except for the flip being rotation by a second axis that is perpendicular to the first axis of rotation.

Hemmi et al. disclose an electronic device having a main body (1) and a flip cover being rotation by a first rotation axis and a second rotation axis (figures 3a-3d).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a hinge design of Hemmi et al. for the hinge of Miramontes, for the purpose of providing multiple rotational directions of the flip of the electronic device.

Regarding claims 2 and 16-17, Miramontes discloses a display (3) on the main body and positioned such that the display being visible when the flip is in the closed position (figures 1-2).

Regarding claims 3-4 and 18-19, Miramontes discloses the first, second and third input interfaces being selectively activated and should be active at a time.

Regarding claims 5-6 and 20-21, Miramontes discloses the first, second and third input interfaces being selectively activated depending on the position of the flip and by the user.

Regarding claims 13 and 26, Miramontes discloses the third input interface comprising a pressure sensitive interface (figures 1-2).

Regarding claims 14, 27 and 31, Miramontes discloses the touch sensitive interface comprises a touch pad (figures 1-2).

6. Claims 7-10 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miramontes, as modified, as applied to claim 3 and 7 above, and further in view of Mak [US 2004/0085289].

Regarding claims 7-10 and 22-25, Miramontes, as modified, disclose the instant claimed invention except for the main body including a global control including a joystick control.

Mak discloses an electronic device (figure 3) having a main body including at least one a global control mounted thereon and will control an activation of the electronic device through input interfaces.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a global control in the main body of the electronic device of

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Miramontes, as modified, as suggested by Mak, for the purpose of providing accessible function of the electronic device.

7. Claims 12, 29 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miramontes, as modified, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Wendorff et al. [US 2003/0157957].

Regarding claims 12, 29 and 32, Miramontes, as modified, disclose the instant claimed invention except for the second input interface comprising a game controller.

Wendorff et al. disclose an electronic device (figures 1-3) having a multiple input interfaces and wherein the input interface may replace as a game controller (paragraph 40).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to replace the second input interface of Miramontes, as modified, by a game controller, as suggested by Wendorff et al., for the purpose of running game in the electronic device.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Yamamoto [US 6,297,945] discloses a portable electronic terminal apparatus having a plurality of displays;
- Sokoloff [US 6,567,677] discloses a notebook computer telephone;

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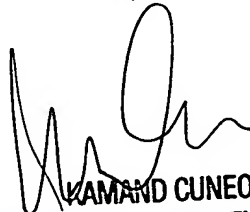
- Harries et al. [US D496,655 S] disclose a keyboard of an electronic communication device;
- Kfoury [US 6,549,789] discloses a portable electronic device with an adaptable user interface; and
- Harada [US 6,754,069] discloses a portable terminal wearable on forearm.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung S. Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-2102. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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